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## ARTICLES IN WARRANT,

For Annual Town Meeting, March 1, 1880, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

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- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.
- ART. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
- ART. 4. To choose a Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes, and fix the compensation for collection.
- ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the town for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same.
- ART. 6. To choose one School Committee for three years, and one School Committee, to fill a vacancy, for one year.
- ART. 7. To choose two Trustees of the Public Library for three years.
- ART. 8. To choose Constables.
- ART. 9. To choose Highway Surveyors.
- ART. 10. To choose Surveyors of Lumber, and Measurers of Wood and Bark.
- ART. 11. To choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.
- ART. 12. To choose all other necessary town officers and do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
- ART. 13. To act on the Jury List as presented by the Selectmen.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money if necessary, under the direction of the Selectmen.
- ART. 15. To see what discount if any the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes and to fix the time for the payment of taxes.
- ART. 16. To see what interest if any the town will vote to charge on all taxes remaining unpaid after the expiration of the time fixed for the payment thereof, and vote such instructions to the Collector as are deemed necessary in relation thereto.
- ART. 17. On petition of D. J. Poore, J. D. Pike, J. A. Lancaster, John P. Sargent, and others, to see if the town will accept the street called Washington Avenue, leading from Main Street by land of the heirs of Wm. Gunnison to the house of D. M. Means. Also the street running westerly from Locust street by land of S. A. Adams to land of Mrs. Richard Sargent. Also the street running westerly from Church street by land of J. A. Nichols to the westerly line of premises occupied by George Brown.
- ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to build a horse shed in the rear of Sargent Hall.
- ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to restrain neat cattle and horse kind from running at large.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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In submitting the Annual Report for the municipal year of 1879, we are more forcibly than ever reminded of the loss which our town has sustained in the death of our late associate, Dr. O. F. Seavey, which occurred June 12th, last. An honored citizen, and a faithful and efficient officer, has been suddenly taken away in the midst of his usefulness, and will long be missed in this community.

We are able to show a reduction of the town debt of over twenty-five hundred dollars, although no appropriation was made for that purpose at the last annual meeting. In view of the unusual expenditures of the year, we congratulate the town on this favorable exhibit of the finances.

The road at the Duck Hole, so called, which was ordered widened and straightened by the County Commissioners, has been completed, to our entire satisfaction, and accepted by the Commissioners. We were unable to contract for this work for the sum voted by the town, at the annual meeting, \$200, and accordingly made the contract with Mr. J. L. Blaisdell, for \$325, this being considerably less than any proposals offered. In addition to the work as laid out by the Commissioners, we contracted with Mr. Blaisdell for widening and straightening the road from the Duck Hole bridge to the point of beginning as per plan of the Commissioners, at a cost of \$30. This, with some additional necessary work, made the total cost \$374.75.



The building of the sidewalk to Merrimacport involved also the expenditure of a greater sum than that voted by the town, the total cost of this being \$405.50.

The bridge near the Engine House, over Cobbler's Brook, so called, is in need of extensive repairs. The sum of \$58.29 has been expended here during the year, and we recommend a special appropriation for further repairs.

On petition of many leading citizens we have deepened the well in the Square, replaced the old pump with a new one of approved construction, and placed a granite trough, at a total cost of \$342.54. It is confidently believed that this well will now furnish a plentiful supply of water during the entire year.

New railing has been built nearly all the way from the town landing to Shiretown, so called, at an expense of \$110.35. This work was imperative, travel on the road being endangered by the poor condition of the railing.

New railing is needed on the River Road leading from the foot of Kendrick's Hill to the bridge at the Duck Hole.

We have effected insurance on the school-houses, including furniture and fixtures in the High School building and the Merrimacport house for a term of five years.

It being apparent that a necessity existed for such alterations as would make the lock-up in the Town House available, we have caused granite steps to be put in, so that entrance can be had from the outside of the building, at an expense of \$154.53.

Only one fire has occurred during the year, the house of Andrew Brown having been totally destroyed on Saturday, Nov. 1st, caused probably by defective flue.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Boyd and McClure, of Boston, for their beautiful present of a "View of the City

of Boston," which has been hung on the walls of our Public Library.

The guide-boards in town are in good condition, new ones having been put up at the Harriman road near the foot of Bear Hill, and at Merrimacport, near the town landing.

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### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

#### MERRIMAC SCHOOLS, TEACHERS' PAY.

##### *High School.*

F. Wiggin,	\$899 90	
Ellen Gunnison,	316 22	
	<hr/>	\$1,216 12

##### *Grammar School.*

Minnie B. Noyes,	99 00	
Anna E. Edwards,	181 50	
	<hr/>	280 50

##### *Intermediate.*

Hattie E. Sargent,	255 75
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##### *First Primary.*

Carrie M. Evans,	224 00
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##### *Second Primary.*

Lizzie H. Nichols,	168 00	
Mary Ella Hoyt,	56 00	
	<hr/>	224 00
Total for Teaching,	<hr/>	\$2,200 37

#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

W. H. Thomas, painting house,	\$71 01
J. D. Pike, stock for painting house,	35 87
Heath Brothers, repairs,	44 87
W. B. Chapman, "	8 04

F. H. True,	"	3 00	
T. L. Goodwin,	"	2 00	
Wm. Jones,	"	2 00	
		<hr/>	166 79
L. Kimball & Co., supplies,		\$1 65	
W. I. Atwood,	"	81	
F. Wiggin,	"	3 25	
J. H. Cleary,	"	1 66	
E. H. Nichols,	"	3 95	
C. H. DeLoid,	"	47 39	
A. G. Whitcomb,	"	39 22	
J. L. Hammett,	"	24 22	
J. D. Pike,	"	4 30	
		<hr/>	126 45
S. S. Blodgett, coal,		\$57 00	
John E. Currier, wood,		2 00	
John Scanlan, sawing wood,		3 45	
J. A. Heath,	" "	50	
		<hr/>	62 95
Eddie Fournin, care of house,		\$33 10	
John A. Heath,	" "	40 35	
O. F. Seavey, cash paid for cleaning,		50	
		<hr/>	73 95
Miss E. M. Downer, teaching music,			24 00

## EXPENSE ALTERING FENCE AND GRADING.

Heath Brothers, labor and material,		\$30 35	
John Scanlan,	labor,	14 25	
John Sheridan,	"	4 50	
A. H. Pettigrew,	"	2 10	
Joseph Dickinson,	"	1 20	
Edmund Sheridan,	"	1 50	
W. H. Blodgett, teaming,		75	
		<hr/>	54 65



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## COST OF WELL IN SCHOOL-HOUSE YARD AT MERRIMAC.

Isaac Pollard, brick,	\$10 15	
D. E. Wadleigh, sharpening tools, &c.,	5 19	
George S. Prescott, boards,	3 01	
L. B. Tucker, hauling brick,	4 00	
J. C. Hoyt, labor,	35 25	
J. Cahill, " "	35 25	
J. L. Blaisdell, " "	63 00	
Heath Brothers, stock and labor,	3 13	
School Committee, material for blasting,	17 58	
S. S. Blodgett, cement and lime,	4 85	
W. B. Chapman, cement,	2 15	
W. H. Blodgett, use of derrick,	14 00	
W. H. Blodgett, sand,	1 50	
J. H. Cleary, pails and casks,	1 05	
C. H. DeLoid, pump and fixtures,	11 20	
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	211 31	
Less received from sale of brick and casks,	3 75	
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Total cost of well,		207 56

## MERRIMACPORT SCHOOLS, TEACHING.

J. W. Cheney, balance summer term, 1878,	\$22 00	
<i>Grammar.</i>		
Hattie P. Cheney,	\$ 99 00	
Edward Whitney,	275 00	
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		374 00
<i>Primary.</i>		
M. A. Tuson,		224 00
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		\$620 00

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

### *Repairs.*

James Whittier,	\$ 2 40
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I. W. Hughes,	15 50	
Frank H. True,	75	
C. H. DeLoid,	8 40	
	<hr/>	27 05
<i>Supplies.</i>		
C. E. Rowell,	\$1 40	1 40
<i>Fuel.</i>		
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	\$33 89	
Walter Perry, sawing wood,	3 00	
	<hr/>	36 89
E. M. Downer, teaching music,		9 00
Mrs. S. Evans, cleaning school-rooms,		5 00
<i>Care of House.</i>		
C. Huse, bill, 1878,	\$17 50	
John L. Sargent,	9 00	
Walter Perry,	7 00	
Geo. F. Mason,	9 00	
	<hr/>	42 50
Total,		<hr/> \$741 84

## HIGHLANDS SCHOOL.

*Teaching.*

Mary Ella Hoyt,	\$132 00
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*Repairs.*

James D. Pike, stock,	\$8 61	
W. H. Thomas, painting,	6 98	
Heath Brothers,	3 76	
H. J. Cushing,	67	
	<hr/>	20 02

*Fuel.*

I. W. Hoyt, wood,	\$2 00	
G. Jenkins, sawing wood,	50	
	<hr/>	2 50
George Jenkins, care of house,	4 00	

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Miss Stickney, cleaning room, 1 00

Total, \$159 52

BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

*Teaching.*

Georgie M. Foster, 132 00

*Repairs.*

Frank H. True, 75

Calvin Sargent, 35

H. J. Cushing, 85

1 95

*Fuel.*

G. W. Heath, wood, 4 50

Geo. Thompson, sawing wood, 1 00

5 50

*Care of House.*

George Thompson, 2 00

Edgar S. Bartlett, 2 60

4 60

Lillie Hoyt, cleaning room, 1 00

Total, 145 05

BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

*Teaching.*

Mary M. Hunkins, \$280 50

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

*Repairs.*

S. Quimby, \$1 50

M. S. Gibbs, 4 21

H. J. Cushing, 1 13

6 84

*Supplies.*

C. H. DeLoid, \$ 20

W. I. Atwood, 1 58

1 78

*Fuel.*

G. W. Sargent, wood,	\$13 50	
A. J. Wiggin, sawing wood,	1 00	
Wm. Chaff,	2 12	
	<hr/>	16 62

*Care of House.*

W. H. Traverse, bill 1878,	\$1 50	
Andrew Wiggin, bill 1878,	7 75	
Wm. Chaff,	6 30	
	<hr/>	15 55
Mrs. E. Doherty, cleaning room,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$323 29

## REPAIRS ON LANDING SCHOOL HOUSE.

I. W. Hughes,	\$10 45
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## GENERAL SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Rice, Kendall & Co., paper,	\$ 2 80	
J. L. Hammett,	“ 6 25	
A. H. Hall & Co.,	“ 3 87	
N. E. School Furnishing Co.,		
ink powder,	1 95	
C. W. Glines, printing,	7 20	
E. W. Ricker, books for teach's,	13 17	
O. Ditson & Co., sing'g books,	40 62	
H. J. Cushing, postage,	73	
O. F. Seavey, postage,	56	
	<hr/>	77 15
Deduct cash rec'd from sale of singing books,	6 00	
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Total for general incidentals,		71 15
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Total for schools,		\$4,368 02
Appropriation,	\$4,000 00	
Dog Money,	84 79	

Mass. School Fund,	182 98	
Tuition Fees,	3 00	
Appropriated by Selectmen for altering fence,	30 00	
Overdrawn,	67 25	
	<hr/>	\$4,368 02

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### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

*District No. 1, John E. Currier, Surveyor.*

Apportionment,	\$400 00	
Expended by Surveyor,	433 58	433 58
Overdrawn by Surveyor,	33 58	
J. C. Bartlett; bill 1878,		5 55
J. Scanlan, labor on town lot and sidewalk,	4 50	
W. B. Chapman, labor on Church street sidewalk and sewer,	13 70	
	<hr/>	18 20

*Labor on Bridge near Engine House.*

W. B. Chapman,	\$23 13	
J. E. Currier,	22 71	
S. Boothroyd,	7 20	
J. Scanlan,	75	
E. Doherty,	1 00	
S. S. Blodgett, cement,	3 50	
	<hr/>	58 29

*Removing Snow.*

W. H. Blodgett, bill 1878,	\$50 58	
John E. Currier,	60 60	
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*Bills of 1878 for repairs, paid by vote of  
the town, April 1, 1879.*

L. E. Bancroft,	\$91 95	
James Lawton,	12 75	
John Sheridan,	6 00	
John Scanlan,	5 25	
Eugene Doherty,	6 75	
Richard Crowley,	6 75	
George W. Sargent,	12 00	
E. N. Nickerson,	9 00	
Michael Haggerty,	3 75	
Wm. H. Blodgett,	29 85	
	<hr/>	184 05
Total,		<hr/> 810 85

*District No. 2, Moses Stevens, Surveyor.*

Apportionment,	\$275 00	
Expended by Surveyor,	287 60	287 60
Overdrawn by Surveyor,	12 60	
Removing snow,		155 68

*Expense railing River Road.*

N. Boyd, spruce rails,	20 30	
G. S. Prescott, posts,	26 40	
M. Stevens, Labor,	63 65	
	<hr/>	110 35
Total,		<hr/> 553 63

*District No. 3, R. H. Sargent, Surveyor.*

Apportionment,	\$200 00	
Expended by Surveyor,	160 58	160 58
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Balance unexpended,	39 42	

*Removing Snow.*

F. P. Goodwin,	\$43 88	
R. H. Sargent,	17 74	
	<hr/>	61 62
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Total,		222 20

*District No. 4, Calvin Sargent, Surveyor.*

Apportionment,	\$125 00	
Expended by Surveyor,	122 84	122 84
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Balance unexpended,	2 16	
Removing Snow,		25 85
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		148 69

*Cost of working road as ordered by County  
Commissioners, on petition of J. K. Sar-  
gent and others.*

Mitchell & Hoyt, advertising,	\$ 3 00	
F. H. True, notices,	75	
J. L. Blaisdell, labor,	371 00	
	<hr/>	374 75

*Paid Town of Amesbury.*

Expense on Rocks Bridge,	\$ 77 43	
“ Essex Merrimac Bridge,	100 45	
	<hr/>	177 88

*Cost of Sidewalk to Merrimacport.*

Joseph Dickinson, labor,	\$ 2 25	
H. M. Fowler,       “	64 15	
B. F. Parker,       “	3 53	
M. Haggerty,       “	12 75	
Wm. Bellel,       “	7 87	
J. C. Hoyt,       “	30 15	
John Cahill,       “	30 90	
J. L. Blaisdell,   “	192 59	
D. E. Wadleigh,   “	1 05	
Ed. Sheridan,       “	20 25	
John Sheridan,     “	20 25	
Martin Greeley,   “	2 25	
E. O. Sargent, stone and gravel,	9 20	
W. A. Mfg. Co., repairs on scraper,	60	
Little's Express, grate,	7 71	
	<hr/>	405 50
Total,		<hr/> \$2,693 50

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Highways and bridges,	\$1,500 00	
Highway bills of 1878,	184 05	
Road at Duck Hole,	200 00	
Sidewalk to Merrimacport,	300 00	
Overdrawn,	509 45	
	<hr/>	\$2,693 50

## POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid town of Amesbury, for board of Dolly Sargent and Eliza Patten, 1 year; 104 weeks at \$2 per week,	\$208 00
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Medical attendance and medicine,	3 00	
Two-fifths support of McCabe children,	107 33	
Two-fifths supplies to Mrs. Laroche,	41 40	
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Total paid Amesbury on poor account,		\$359 73
Paid Howe & Blaisdell, supplies, R. S. Patten, \$	3 37	
Blodgett & Davis, " " "	8 93	
C. E. Rowell, " " "	93 55	
L. B. Blaisdell, " " "	13 45	
	<hr/>	119 30
Paid Howe & Blaisdell, supplies, M. A. Sargent, \$	2 88	
H. J. Cushing, med. att. "	15 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine, "	3 83	
L. B. Blaisdell, supplies "	17 17	
	<hr/>	38 88
Paid Blodgett & Davis, supplies to Mrs.		
J. C. Parker,	\$3 39	
Paid I. B. Bolton, medical attendance,	8 00	
	<hr/>	11 39
Paid G. W. Lunt, care and expense		
Wm. Lunt,	\$40 00	
Paid John Malloy, care Wm. Lunt,	17 00	
G. Wm. Heath, care Wm. Lunt,	15 00	
I. B. Bolton, med. att. "	6 00	
J. H. Cummings, casket,	15 00	
J. B. Heath, undertaker's services,	4 50	
	<hr/>	97 50
Paid Dr. Cushing, med. att. George Flagg,		50
Moses Bailey, board A. Bailey & son,		69 00
Mary Pressey, house rent, Smith Quimby,		16 00
J. B. Heath, burial of George L.		
Stevens,	5 00	
Paid J. B. Heath, casket and burial		
Stevens' child,	8 75	
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Paid J. B. Heath, burial James E. Tuttle,	3 50	
O. F. Seavey, med. att.    “	12 00	
	<hr/>	15 50
James Davis, supplies to Mrs. Clooney,	3 00	
A. E. Kenison,       “       “       “	1 98	
F. L. Parker,       “       “       “	1 48	
Wm. Elliott,       “       “       “	95	
J. D. Pike,       “       “       “	14	
H. J. Cushing, med. att.   “       “	29 25	
Mrs. Riley, nurse,       “       “	12 00	
J. B. Nichols, supplies,   “       “	2 58	
G. A. Titcomb,       “       “       “	50	
O. R. Fowler, burial expenses of child,	11 00	
J. B. Heath,       “       “       “	10 75	
	<hr/>	73 63
J. McNamie, house rent to M. Berry,		11 00
J. D. Pike, supplies to family, refunded,	8 00	
A. P. Chaples, board of Ann M. Waining,		104 00
Essex County, House of Correction,		
board of F. B. Goodwin,		13 14
Paid City of Newburyport, supplies to		
Caroline Sargent,		43 12
Paid J. D. Pike, supplies to J. Jenkins,	17 00	
Three-fifths paid by Amesbury,	10 20	
	<hr/>	6 80

## EXPENSE OF TRAMPS.

J. H. Lawson, supplies, labor and ex-	
pense to lockup,	\$7 30
C. H. DeLoid, supplies,	70
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	3 50
J. D. Pike, supplies,	3 51
J. H. Cleary,       “	63



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J. B. Heath,    "	2 60	
G. G. Davis,    "	7 16	
Little's Express, mattresses and pillows,	10 25	
	<hr/>	35 65

## RELIEF TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

John Jenkins,	\$54 99	
James Roe,	65 97	
John Handley,	34 55	
B. A. Sargent,	25 98	
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One-half to be reimbursed by the State,		
Expense to the town,		90 75
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Total,		\$1,119 64
Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Balance unexpended,	80 36	
	<hr/>	\$1,119 64

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### EXPENSES ON SARGENT HALL.

Heath Brother, repairs,	\$24 52	
D. E. Wadleigh,   "	3 98	
C. H. DeLoid,       "	10 20	
C. H. DeLoid, smoke jacks,	15 00	
C. H. DeLoid, stove and funnel,	\$24 50	
Less credit for old stove,	7 00	
	<hr/>	17 50
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	16 87	
H. D. Webster, charcoal,	1 80	
G. W. Woodman,    "	60	

J. H. Cleary, supplies,	6 75	
W. B. Chapman, repairs,	9 27	
Wm. Jones, glass and setting and painting,	7 95	
D. M. Means, notices,	1 50	
J. E. Currier, labor,	2 00	
W. H. Haskell, committee,	5 00	
R. A. Sargent, janitor,	50 00	
G. L. Harriman, granite steps,	65 00	
W. B. Chapman, labor & material set'g steps,	45 65	
Braman, Dow & Co., railing,	7 11	
F. H. True, care of clock 10 months,	20 80	
	<hr/>	\$311 50
F. O. Pettigrew, lighting street lamps,	2 00	
J. H. Cleary, supplies to            “	1 28	
G. H. Connor, care and expense of lamp,	14 78	
	<hr/>	18 06
C. C. Morse & Son, town reports,	80 00	
C. C. Morse & Son, order book,	7 00	
Villager Office, warrants and notices,	31 15	
F. H. True, tax bills,	3 50	
T. Groom & Co, tax book,	1 50	
F. W. Barry, stationery,	1 14	
B. Sargent, postage and stationery,	6 36	
J. L. Blaisdell, guide posts and setting,	3 30	
R. H. Sargent, setting guide posts,	50	
D. M. Means, guide boards,	4 50	
Bailey Sargent, census of scholars,	5 00	
E. N. Sargent, time and expense to Salem,		
examining records,	17 60	
J. Oak, horse hire,	2 50	
Valuation Committee,	75 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, hauling engine,	3 00	
Bailey Sargent, 5 years ins. on schoolhouses,	206 25	

J. B. Heath, return of deaths,	7 75	
Wm. Lunt, care Lower Cemetery,	5 00	
W. Warner, mowing and clearing cemetery,	12 00	
Little's Express, police badges and expres'g,	7 60	
O. W. Jordan, " "	1 00	
G. C. Pitman, supplies to special police, July 3,	3 50	
J. H. Lawson, exp. Haggerly liquor case,	12 50	
O. W. Jordan, " " "	5 50	
	—18 00	
J. K. Jenness, serv. T. J. Connell case,	10 00	
J. B. Heath, " " "	6 80	
J. H. Lawson, care & ex. " "	12 30	
	—29 10	
J. H. Lawson, serving search warrant,	1 00	
" " notifying town officers,	1 50	
" " paid counsel,	8 50	
J. B. Heath, paid counsel,	1 00	
	—	\$544 25

## COST OF TOWN WELL.

Paid J. L. Blaisdell, labor and material,	\$186 81
D. E. Wadleigh, " "	6 43
W. H. Blodgett, use of derrick,	14 00
" " sand and teaming,	10 50
W. B. Chapman, cement,	1 00
S. S. Blodgett, cement, lime and joist,	8 14
M. B. Dow, brick and freight,	27 00
R. H. Sargent, use of rope,	1 00

Paid G. L. Harriman, stone trough,	45 00	
Heath Bros., stock and labor,	6 66	
P. A. Wales & Son, pump,	35 00	
G. C. Pitman, dinner to Wales & Son,	1 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$342 54
Total,		<u>\$1,233 35</u>

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### EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.

Town well,	\$342 54	
Insurance on Schoolhouses,	206 25	
Valuation Committee,	75 00	
Expense new lockup,	154 53	
	<u>          </u>	778 32
Deducting above from total miscellaneous leaves,		445 03
Appropriation,	\$600 00	
Balance unexpended,	154 97	
	<u>          </u>	\$445 03

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### TOWN OFFICERS.

E. N. Sargent, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor,	\$225 00
C. E. Rowell,                   "                   "                   "	150 00
O. F. Seavey,                   "                   "                   "	33 85
H. J. Cushing, School Committee,	\$50 00
Henry Haskell,               "               "	50 00
F. Wiggin,                   "                   "	36 11
O. F. Seavey,               "               "	13 89
	<u>          </u> 150 00

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Bailey Sargent, Treasurer and Collector,	195 29
“ “ Town Clerk,	69 70
“ “ warning town meetings,	15 50
	<u>\$839 34</u>

Appropriation,	\$700 00	
Overdrawn,	139 34	
	<u>          </u>	\$839 34

## POLICE.

J. H. Lawson,	\$20 00	
P. J. Neal,	25 00	
J. B. Heath,	55 00	
J. P. Taggart,	12 50	
	<u>          </u>	112 50

## SCHOOLBOOKS FURNISHED BY COMMITTEE.

John Jenkins,	\$1 30	
Wm. Gilday,	5 52	
S. Evans,	1 10	
M. Burke,	3 20	
P. Whalan,	40	
Armstrong,	75	
Amount refunded,	4 75	
	<u>          </u>	\$17 02

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Paid Niagara Engine Co.,	\$515 00
Agile Engine Co.,	472 49
Unexpended balance,	12 51
	<u>          </u> \$1,000 00



## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Wm. H. Hubbard, Treasurer,	\$300 00
Appropriation,	300 00

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## PAID FOR STATE AID.

Ann Edwards,	\$48 00	
H. C. Flanders,	48 00	
J. Handley,	12 00	
T. S. Bradley,	18 00	
J. W. Sargent,	60 00	
Wm. F. Martins,	72 00	
H. P. Tozier,	48 00	
R. Kennett,	48 00	
Geo. F. Bailey,	36 00	
Mary E. G. Gay,	48 00	
	<hr/>	438 00

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## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Dr.		
1879. To cash from last year,	\$205 20	
Interest,	11 31	
Sale of lots,	47 00	
	<hr/>	\$263 51
Cr.		
By cash paid improvements,	43 75	
D. Gould, services,	3 25	47 00
Balance in Savings Bank,		216 51
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		\$263 51

DANIEL GOULD, TREASURER.

*Merrimac Jan. 1, 1880.*

## REPORT OF THE JANITOR OF "SARGENT HALL."

During the year the Hall has been open thirty-six times as follows :

Political Meetings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Town Meetings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Caucuses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
School purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Entertainments,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Concerts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Miscellaneous,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Total,							36
Cash received for use of Hall,							\$114 00

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORT. }

Number of arrests during the year—

For Drunkenness,	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
For Disturbance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
For Assault,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
For Liquor nuisance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
For Indecent exposure,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
For Violation of By-laws,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Assisted home under influence of liquor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Committed to House of Correction,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ Jail,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Broke out of Lockup,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Tramps lodged in Lockup in March, 1879, 3 ; April, 19 ; May, 3 ; June, 2 ; July, 0 ; Aug., 2 ; Sept., 4 ; Oct., 10 ; Nov., 12 ; Dec., 23 ; Jan., 1880, 46 ; Feb., 5 ; Total, 129.

J. B. HEATH,	} POLICE.
P. J. NEAL,	
W. H. BLODGETT,	
J. P. TAGGART,	

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

1879.

March 1,	To cash and uncollected taxes,	\$5,405 36
Feb. 22,	Received of G. W. Cate, Esq., fine for violation of by laws,	2 00
March 10,	Rec'd of City of Newburoport, P. Whalan,	3 50
26,	" J. J. England, grass lockup lot,	1 00
April 9,	" State Tr. bal. bank & corp. taxes,	187 54
May 3,	" Haverhill 5 ct. Savings b'k, hired,	1,500 00
June 30,	" " " " " "	1,300 00
Oct. 22,	" M. P. Sargent, Esq., fine for vio- lation of by-laws,	2 00
Dec. 10,	Rec'd of State Treas., Corp. tax, \$283 76	
	" " bank tax,	98 82
	" " State aid,	408 00
	" " Ind. soldiers,	280 85
		———— 1,071 43
June 22,	" J. E. Currier, for stone,	3 25

1880.

Jan. 13,	" C. H. DeLoid, exchange of stove,	7 00
	" County Treas., dog money,	84 79
24,	" State Tr., Income Mass. Sch. Fund,	182 98
Feb. 3,	" J. L. Blaisdell brick & casks from well,	4 60
	" School books,	4 75
	" Sch. Com. singing books,	\$6 00
	" " tuition,	3 00
	" " brick from well,	3 00
		———— 12 00
9,	" family for assistance, paid back,	18 00
	" M. B. Sargent, Esq., fines for vio- lation of by-laws,	5 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Feb.	9, Rec'd of J. B. Hoyt, grass on lockup lot,	1 00
	“ J. H. Lawson, use of lockup,	3 50
	“ 1st Nat'l Bank, 1 yr. rent, \$275 00	
	“ G. E. Ricker, “ “ 250 00	
	“ R. A. Sargent, “ “ 225 00	
	Rec'd for Sargent Hall,	114 00
		<hr/> 864 00
	Rec'd of Amesbury 2-5 Jenkins bill, \$27 48	
	“ 2-5 collections, 1875 taxes, 20 00	
	“ Bank and Corp. credits, 166 05	
		<hr/> 213 53
	“ Interest on taxes,	319 85
	Tax list 1879 committed for collection,	16,480 92
	Additions to tax list,	25 27
		<hr/> \$27,703 27

*Cr.*

By paid State tax,	\$ 280 00
“ County tax,	914 39
“ Bank tax,	1,061 25
“ Selectmen's orders,	19,000 62
By Uncollected taxes, 1876, \$ 49 05	
“ “ 1877, 235 48	
“ “ 1878, 430 44	
“ “ 1879, 2,690 41	
	<hr/> \$3,405 38
Cash on hand,	3,041 63
	<hr/> \$27,703 27

## NOTE AND

Paid Haverhill Five Cents Savings Bank,

“	“	“	“
“	“	“	“
“	“	“	“

Note to order of Town Treas., acct. of Poyen property,  
 Int. on notes to order of Town Treas. acct. Poyen property,  
 Town of Amesbury, 2-5 int. on Amesbury notes and bonds,

## SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Sargent Hall,	\$20,000 00
School houses,	18,000 00
Public Library,	2,500 00
Fire Apparatus,	2,200 00
Cemeteries, hearse and hearse house,	1,700 00
Law Reports,	325 00
Town standards,	150 00
Lockup and town landings,	250 00
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	\$45,125 00



INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Note	\$1,300 00	Int., \$	6 73	\$1,306 73
"	1,500 00	"	16 69	1,516 69
Endorsed on	" 1,500 00			1,500 00
Interest on	"		175 00	175 00
	500 00			500 00
			82 50	82 50
			880 00	880 00
	<u>\$4,800 00</u>		<u>\$1,160 92</u>	<u>\$5,960 92</u>

ABATEMENTS.

Two-fifths Amesbury's lists,	\$ 70 08		
Collector's list for 1876,	26 05		
" " 1877,	55 60		
" " 1878,	100 88		
" " 1879,	19 78		
	<u>————</u>	\$ 272 39	
Interest,		1,160 92	
Discount,		619 82	
		<u>————</u>	\$2,053 13
Appropriation,	2,000 00		
Overdrawn,	53 13		
	<u>————</u>		\$2,053 13

## FINANCIAL

*The town is indebted as follows :*

Haverhill Five Cent Savings Bank, balance of Note,  
Two notes \$500 each, account Poyen property,  
Two fifths Amesbury town bonds,  
    "      "      "      notes,  
To Engine Companies,  
Outstanding demands,

*Cr.*

Two-fifths Amesbury's uncollected taxes,  
Due from State for State and military aid,  
    "      "      "      paupers,  
    "      rents from tenants town hall,  
Cash in hands of town treasurer,  
Uncollected taxes,

## STATEMENT.

\$2,000 00	Interest \$ 38 00	\$2,038 00
1,000 00	“ 6 42	1,006 42
8,000 00	“ 100 00	8,100 00
8,000 00	“ 80 00	8,080 00
		816 66
		150 00
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		\$20,191 08
	\$ 105 52	
	604 74	
	15 50	
	87 50	
	3,041 63	
	3,405 38	
Total credits,	<hr/>	\$7,260 27
Town debt,		<hr/> 12,930 81
Town debt March 1, 1879,		15,520 43
Reduction of debt,		<hr/> \$2,589 62

EDMUND N. SARGENT,	}	<i>Selectmen of Merrimac.</i>
CHARLES E. ROWELL,		

## STATISTICS FROM VALUATION-BOOK.

Valuation of real estate,	\$687,110
"    personal property,	347,810
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	\$1,034,920
Number of polls, 601.	
Rate on polls, \$1.47.	
Rate of taxation, \$14 per \$1,000.	
Total tax assessed, \$15,369.88.	
Non-resident bank valuation,	\$79,360 00
Tax on the same,	1,111 04
Number of acres of land,	4,891
"    dwellings,	418
"    horses,	240
"    cows,	211
"    sheep,	27

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RECAPITULATION.

School,	\$4,368 02
Highways,	2,693 50
Poor,	1,119 64
School books,	12 27
Fire Department,	987 49
Library,	300 00
State aid,	438 00
Note and interest,	5,960 92
State tax,	280 00
County tax,	914 39
Abatements and discounts,	619 82
Town officers and police,	951 84
Miscellaneous,	1,233 35
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	\$19,879 24

## PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

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It is our privilege from year to year to acknowledge the liberal gifts of friends to our library. This year we return thanks to James M. Palmer, Esq., of Haverhill, for several volumes of the Haverhill Publisher, valuable for the record they contain of the late war; to Joseph Cartland, Esq., of Newburyport, for his liberal gift of miscellaneous books; and to the Hon. G. B. Loring, for valuable public documents.

That the people appreciate the advantages of a free public library is indicated by the fact that more than 16,000 volumes were drawn during the past year.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the trustees,

WM. H. HUBBARD, SECRETARY.

EDMUND N. SARGENT,	}	TRUSTEES	
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,			
ISAAC B. LITTLE,		}	OF
GEORGE ADAMS,			
WILLIAM CHASE,			
DR. JAMES R. NICHOLS,			
WM. H. HUBBARD,	}	PUBLIC LIBRARY.	



## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending March 1, 1880. Merrimac Public Library in account  
with Wm. H. HUBBARD, Treas.

## DR.

To cash paid for books,	\$101 43	
"      "      binding 160 books,	31 33	
"      "      printing,	15 32	
"      "      cards and labels,	4 06	
"      "      expressage,	5 25	
For salary of Librarian,	175 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$332 39
To cash on hand,		4 25
		<u>          </u>
		\$363 64

## CR.

By cash on hand, March 1, 1879,	\$2 73	
"      received from town appropriation,	300 00	
"      "      "      library fines,	33 91	
	<u>          </u>	\$336 64

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

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The School Committee, in making their Annual Report to the town, hope it will be read with candid consideration. If the town expenses are of importance, certainly the expenditure of over \$4,000, and the education of 400 of our boys and girls must be of paramount importance.

In the early portion of the school year, death called for one of the School Board. We all know, that, in the death of Dr. O. F. Seavey, our schools lost a very warm friend. He had served on the Committee since the division of the town. We can truthfully say that he labored faithfully and heartily for the best interest of our schools.

By the unanimous vote of the remainder of the Committee and Selectmen, Mr. Frank Wiggin was appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year. In the opinion of the other Committee, Mr. Wiggin's knowledge of what our schools are, and should be, make him an efficient person for the place.

Collectively considered, our schools have made commendable progress during the past year. While all has not been accomplished that was desired, still very good work has

been done. The Board are aiming to raise the standard of the schools, and make them as satisfactory and efficient as possible.

*School Statistics.*—Money expended for schools, \$4,347 ; of this sum \$267 were received from the State and dog fund. This expenditure makes a rate of \$3.94 per \$1,000, placing Merrimac about the fifty-first in the State for school appropriation.

Whole number of pupils in all the grades below the High School, 321. Average number, 291. Whole number in High School, 68. Average number, 66. Average cost per scholar in all the grades, \$10.49. Average wages of female teachers, \$30.30.

*Repairs.*—These have been more than usual the past year. The increase in the size of the High School has made it necessary to re-arrange the seats so as to make room for more sittings. There are now seats for 70 scholars. As it was necessary to rebuild a portion of the fence on account of the well digging, and as the whole had a neglected appearance, from the changes in its surroundings, it was thought best to reconstruct the entire fence, changing at the same time the line to correspond more nearly to that of the street and hall. The grounds around the school building have also been graded. The Corner school-house and the one at the Highlands have been painted. The cost of all these improvements and the usual annual repairs can be seen under "School Incidentals." At the Corner, there has never been a school-well that could furnish water excepting early in the spring and late in the fall. After considering carefully the best remedy for the insufficient supply of water for over two hundred scholars, your Committee thought it advisable to deepen the old well. The estimated cost was \$125. But as

the depth to be reached ere the water ran freely was greater, and the ledge harder than anticipated, the actual cost was \$194.65. As an abundance of excellent water is a blessing to children, the outlay can but make good dividends in all the coming years.

*Economy.*—Knowing the times have demanded economy in all the school expenditures, the wages were reduced from 5 to 10 per cent. It is impossible to economize much more, if any, in this direction with the present amount of schooling. It must be remembered that during the last fifteen years the pay of teachers has never been increased as in larger towns around us.

*Our Teachers.*—Less changes have occurred with our teachers the past year than for two or three years previous. Eight of the female teachers reside in town. Five are graduates of our High School. At the request of many of the citizens at the River, a male teacher was put into their Grammar School in September. When the fall term commenced an assistant was given the High School the full time. As to their work we can testify to their general faithfulness and efficiency. If our teachers are efficient and can be retained, our schools will be better in the future than in the past. Poor teachers, or good teachers, with small pay, make many changes. The fifteen changes of the last three years have proved very detrimental to our schools. As it has been, if we were fortunate enough to secure a successful teacher, we soon found she could demand more pay elsewhere. The compensation we now pay is barely enough to board and clothe them for the year. “A good system of public instruction is one which secures and retains the services of the best teachers.” A good teacher embodies more qualities in harmony of action than the master of any other



calling. A person may succeed in some callings with glaring defects, but not in the profession of teaching. Therefore if a moderate increase of wages should be required to retain our good teachers, the Committee feel sure that the many friends of our public schools will see the wisdom of so doing.

*Elementary Instruction.*—We think that the elementary branches, such as Reading, Spelling, Mental Arithmetic, and Writing, cannot be regarded with too much attention. We have been aiming this year, more than ever before, to a thorough teaching of those elements. Upon a knowledge of these, learning and scholarship are based, and indirectly, and in a great measure, character itself. According to the present system, pupils have eight years—more if necessary—from the Primary to the High School. Upon entering the High School the common branches are not dropped, but pursued in connection with the higher studies, for at least two years. Reading, Spelling and Writing are continued through the course. The Committee think that the course of study as used in all the grades should be printed the coming year, so that parents and friends of the school can see for themselves what the children are taught.

*Supervision.*—For some time the Board have thought that a more thorough mode of supervising the instruction in the lower grades should be adopted than can be given by the occasional visits of the Committee. At the commencement of the fall term 20 to 30 minutes a day were given to the Principal of the High School for this purpose. Although this supervision is quite limited good results are already seen. It has also been arranged for him to visit the Merrimacport schools every term. Your Committee hope the parents will see the wisdom of the continuation of this supervision in the future.



*Examinations.*—According to custom in all graded schools, all classes for promotion from one grade to another are examined. All scholars not qualified remain another year. In those cases where the parents wish their children to have a second examination at the beginning of the fall term the privilege is given. Written term examinations have been adopted at the close of the summer and fall terms in the Grammar and High Schools, oral examinations in all the other schools. The examination at the end of the year for all grades is the public oral one. Any promotion without an examination leads to excessive superficiality. Every interest of the pupil demands that this should be avoided as far as possible. For this reason these examinations have been adopted. The Committee want the parents to understand and remember that they endeavor to perform this important but unpleasant duty in faithfulness, honesty and impartiality.

*Irregular Attendance, &c.*—While our schools have been doing as well, or even better, the past year than formerly as to irregularity of attendance, they should still be much improved in this respect. Whole number of days of absence, 6,524, which is 10 1-2 per cent. of the whole; or loss in money, \$428.40. Whole number of times late, 1,762. Scholars not absent for the year, 40. Those, not late, 129. The mischief of irregularity can hardly be overstated. Beside a great injury to the individual delinquents, it hinders the progress of the whole school, and is a source of discouragement to the teachers. Let parents remedy this evil as far as possible.

*Music.*—The Committee have felt for some time, that, as the children of the town were growing up without any musical instruction, they should have it in our public schools. So the past year a plan was made for one hour's instruction,

to be given weekly to the Grammar and High Schools united in one room, also to the Grammar School at Merrimacport. Miss Downer was hired for this purpose with a compensation of two dollars per week. As the teacher at Bear Hill had a musical education, it was arranged for her to give similar instruction to her pupils. The books used have been purchased by the town, and are retained in the school-room for this purpose in the future

*High School.*—At the commencement of the year by a special vote of the town the High School at Merrimacport was abolished. The class fitted for the High School at the close of the summer term entered at the Corner. The educational interests of the people at the River may make an advanced Grammar School, covering one or two years of the High School course worthy of consideration.

*Appropriation.*—Before making the appropriations, the Committee ask a special consideration of an increase of the length of our Primary and Grammar schools. The past year the Primary has run eight months, the Grammar eight and one-half. We suggest at least two additional weeks. The indications are that a moderate increase of pay of teachers will be expected. This increase of pay with the money needed for musical instruction and for the extra two weeks of schooling will require about \$400. The coming year the incidentals will be less by at least \$200. So we think \$200 above the amount appropriated last year will keep the schools the time stated above. Therefore the Committee recommend an appropriation of \$4,200.

H. J. CUSHING,	}	<i>School</i> <i>Committee.</i>
FRANK WIGGIN,		
HENRY HASKELL,		

## MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. FRANK WIGGIN, Principal.

MISS ELLEN GUNNISON, Assistant.

This school has had another profitable year. The teachers have been working hard to make it a success and have not failed. The results of this work are manifest to any one who will visit the school-room. The ambition of the scholars for thoroughness and high rank has never been more marked than now. The school has never before been so large as now, numbering in all sixty-eight. The responsibilities of such a school as this are greater than very many realize. The importance of success seems greater if we consider the disastrous results that would spring from poor discipline and inefficient management generally.

The public examination last year was good, and occupied the whole day. Written term-examinations are deserving of much credit; and worthy of inspection by parents and others whenever visiting the school.

The last graduating class numbered twelve. The present graduating class numbers ten. A class of twenty-five are expected to enter next September. The school will close about the 18th of March with a public examination lasting the entire day.

## MERRIMAC GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS MINNIE B. NOYES and MISS ANNA E. EDWARDS, Teachers.

The spring term was taught by Miss Noyes, under whom, candor compels us to say, the discipline was not such as to



secure the best results in the school-room, although it is but just to remark, that she labored under some disadvantages, and that she faithfully endeavored to perform her whole duty.

The remainder of the school year, under the management of Miss Edwards, has been eminently satisfactory. Not only has the best of order been maintained, but perfectly satisfactory progress has been made in the branches pursued in this room. The teacher, coming directly from the Normal School, has put into practice the most excellent methods learned there, and with the best of results. We consider Miss Edwards the right teacher in the right place. The closing examination was one of the best we have ever attended.

#### MERRIMAC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS HATTIE E SARGENT, Teacher.

The school has had an average number of about forty scholars during the year. The scholars are of the age, when children are, perhaps, most difficult to govern, averaging ten years.

While we cannot say, that, judged by the rules of strict discipline, the school has always been as orderly as is desirable, we can most cheerfully accord to the teacher the merit of performing her work in a thoroughly faithful and conscientious manner. The methods of instruction have received our entire approval, and the progress made by the scholars in their various studies is highly satisfactory. According to present indications the first class will be well qualified for promotion at the end of the spring term. The closing examination was very fine, and demonstrated correct teaching in Geography, Arithmetic, and Reading. The singing also was exceptionally good.

The register had the names of eighty-seven visitors to the school during the year.

### MERRIMAC FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS LIZZIE H. NICHOLS, and MISS CARRIE M. EVANS, Teachers.

Miss Nichols taught till Thanksgiving, and then resigned, much to the regret of School Committee, parents and scholars. We have only words of commendation for the faithful and efficient manner in which her school-work was always performed. Possessing in a high degree very many of those peculiar qualifications, which make the successful teacher, Miss Nichols would necessarily have taken high rank in the profession had she remained in it.

Miss Evans, as we have intimated elsewhere, was promoted to the place left vacant by Miss Nichols' resignation, and many of the scholars having previously been under her charge, the school suffered no detriment by the change. The closing examination was very pleasing and proved that the school year has been a very prosperous and successful one.

### MERRIMAC SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS CARRIE M. EVANS and MISS MARY E. HOYT, Teachers.

Miss Evans had charge of the school till Thanksgiving when she was promoted to the vacancy in the First Primary caused by the resignation of Miss Nichols. She managed the school very successfully, and won the love and confidence of her young pupils by her kindness, and her constant endeavors to render the school-room a cheerful home for those just entering school life.



Miss Hoyt, her successor, who taught the school during the last two months, is evidently a natural *teacher*; and the progress made, and the methods of instruction pursued, under her rule, were in every way satisfactory.

No schools are more important than our primaries, and certainly it is essential that there, if anywhere, the instruction given, should be correct in method, and thorough in manner. Skilled teachers are needed in the primary schools.

#### MERRIMACPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS HATTIE W. CHENEY, and MR. EDWARD WHITNEY, Teachers.

The spring term was taught by Miss Cheney, under whose charge the school had been for several years. Her management of the school was in every way satisfactory, and it was only in accordance with the expressed wish of a majority of the parents for a male teacher, that Mr. Whitney was employed in her stead at the commencement of the fall term.

Mr. Whitney did not find so advanced a school as he expected, and his methods of teaching were somewhat different from those pursued by most of our teachers, but the school has made fair progress, and we can record good work done during the year.

Mr. Whitney has labored faithfully and earnestly, and, although a stranger, he has favorably impressed all with whom he has come in contact, by his quiet and gentlemanly demeanor. The closing examination was very satisfactory.

## MERRIMACPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MRS. MARY A. TUSON, Teacher.

Mrs Tuson has had charge of this school many years, and with the same unvarying success. While the school may not present that perfect order, regularity and enforced quiet which often distinguishes a city primary school, yet parents feel that the interests and comfort of their children are well cared for, and the introduction to school life made pleasant under the kind and loving administration of this faithful and conscientious teacher. The only drawback to the efficiency of this school is in the grading, and that cannot be remedied under the present system. Remembering that the higher classes in the school belong to the intermediate grade, and taking into account the large number of scholars, we think they have made excellent progress during the year.

## BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

MISS GEORGIA FOSTER, Teacher.

Miss Foster is one of our High School graduates. This has been her first experience in teaching, and has proved a good beginning. The scholars have advanced commendably in their different studies. The school whenever visited by the Committee has appeared well. The percentage of attendance has been good. The closing examination was satisfactory.

## BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

MISS MARY HUNKINS, Teacher.

This school has been prospering quite well the past year. The teacher has been earnest and faithful, and in a very good degree has made the year a profitable one. The school has been visited quite a number of times during the year and it has always appeared well. The scholars have been orderly and shown a commendable interest in their studies. Since the beginning of the fall term the teacher has been giving weekly instruction in singing. Examinations have been very good.

## HIGHLAND SCHOOL.

MISS MARY E. HOYT, Teacher.

This school has had a successful year. The scholars have manifested a marked interest in their studies. The Committee have not seen or heard any indications that the government was not perfect. The school has been larger the past year than usual,—numbering twenty-one. The per cent. of absence and tardiness has been very small. The examinations have been excellent.

# GRADUATES

OF

*Merrimac High School for 1879.*

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*“FINIS CORONAT OPUS.”*

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*FRANK H. BIRD.*

*WILLIAM G. NICHOLS.*

*WILLARD B. KELLEY.*

*JOHN S. MORSE.*

*EDGAR P. SARGENT.*

*MORTON P. PETTIGREW.*

*FRANK E. PEASE.*

*KATIE E. MURPHY.*

*LIZZIE R. SORRENSON.*

*JOSEPHINE L. OAK.*

*LINA A. SHERMAN.*

*HATTIE L. THORN.*

TABLE NO. 1.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of days in Term.	Number of Times late.	Number of Scholars over Fifteen.	Number of Scholars under Five.	Number of Visitors.	Teachers' wages per month.
Merrimac High,	55	47	44	94	60	120	30	0	20	\$94.73 Prin'al.
" Grammar,	39	37	31	84	60	82	2	0	35	24 Asst, 3-4 time.
" Intermediate,	42	41	37	90	60	178	0	0	37	33
" First Primary,	42	39	33	85	60	92	0	0	31	31
" Second Primary,	42	37	30	81	60	70	0	3	25	28
Merrimacport Grammar,	42	39	35	90	60	87	0	0	27	28
" Primary,	46	44	42	90	60	29	0	5	26	33
Bear Hill District,	45	40	32	80	60	23	0	1	10	28
Birch Meadow District,	15	14	13	93	60	28	0	0	13	33
Highlands District.	19	17	15	88	60	8	2	0	8	22



TABLE NO. 2.

STATISTICS OF WINTER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of days in Term.	Number of Times late.	Number of Scholars over Fifteen.	Number of Scholars under Five.	Number of Visitors.	Teachers' wages per month.
Merrimac High,	68	66	58	88	130	113	16	0	43	\$94.73 Prin'al. 37 Asst. whole t.
“ Grammar,	34	32	30	94	110	79	0	0	48	33
“ Intermediate,	40	36	33	91	105	203	0	0	52	31
“ First Primary,	36	32	29	91	100	141	0	0	47	28
“ Second Primary,	48	39	34	87	100	127	0	0	48	28
Merrimacport Grammar,	35	33	30	91	110	99	1	0	55	50
“ Primary,	48	45	41	91	100	49	0	4	23	28
Bear Hill District,	44	38	33	94	110	56	0	0	21	33
Birch Meadow District,	15	12	11	98	60	42	0	0	13	22
Highlands District.	21	20	16	80	60	11	2	0	14	22





